

RESOLUTION 7-2006

**CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO RAISE THE MILL LEVY
FOR THE MADISON COUNTY NURSING HOMES**

WHEREAS, 15-10-425 MCA permits the governing body of a county to raise money by taxation for the support of services in excess of the levy or levies allowed by law, and

WHEREAS, funds available from year to year under existing tax levies are not adequate for regular maintenance and operation as a result of inadequate Medicaid reimbursements, low census, and acuity in patients, and

WHEREAS, there will be a funds shortfall in the amount of \$880,000 in each of the next four fiscal years, and

WHEREAS, there are no alternative sources of sufficient revenue under existing maximum tax levies, by borrowing funds under the maximum levies otherwise allowed by law or by obtaining grants or donations, and

WHEREAS, additional revenue is necessary or Madison County will be forced to reduce services, layoff employees, and/or close one or both nursing homes (Madison Valley Manor and Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center), and

WHEREAS, Madison County presently has a taxable valuation of approximately \$40,000,000 and therefore each mill raises approximately \$40,000 in tax revenue, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has considered all the alternatives and has found none which will provide adequate services for residents of the County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there shall be placed before the electors of Madison County on the June 2006 ballot in the primary election as follows:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County be authorized to impose an additional levy for a period of four (4) years to raise \$880,000 per year, which is approximately 22 mills, for the purpose of funding operations and maintenance in order to continue providing quality care at both county nursing homes. This levy would replace the current 10 mill and 12 mill levies which have expired. If this levy passes, property taxes for a home valued at \$100,000 would increase by approximately \$37.40 per year, and for a home valued at \$200,000 property taxes would increase by approximately \$74.80 per year.

FOR the additional mill levy, to raise \$880,000 per year, approximately 22 mills, for a period of four years for nursing homes operations and maintenance.

AGAINST the additional mill levy, to raise \$880,000 per year, approximately 22 mills, for a period of four years for nursing homes operations and maintenance.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2006.

C. TED COFFMAN, CHAIRMAN

FRANK NELSON

DAVID SCHULZ

ATTEST: _____
Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder